

A Study in the "Past Tenses of God's Word" by F.F. Bosworth in his book, "Christ the Healer"

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December 1

I have prepared a short study on the "Past Tense of God's Word" by F.F. Bosworth. Why?

Answer: I still see so many people using the words, 'going to get my healing', believing for God to heal me', etc. This MUST be changed to get healing manifested in your body.

Here is a quote from F. F. Bosworth in his chapter: "The Past Tenses of God's Word":

"God wants us all to appropriate the past tenses of His Word regarding His redemption of our souls and bodies from sickness and disease and go forth in obedience acting as if we believed Him. WHEN GOD PUTS A PROMISE IN THE PAST TENSE, HE THUS AUTHORIZES AND EXPECTS US TO DO THE SAME. NOTHING SHORT OF THIS IS APPROPRIATING FAITH."

I realize many have not had enough teaching along this line to change this 'going to' attitude, that is why I want to spend some time addressing it. Give the Holy Spirit a chance to enlighten you in this area.

December 5

Divine healing - a past tense in God's Word.

Let us reason together.....

If you have not downloaded and read the Bosworth article I attached to the previous posting, please do so. We are going to go through some of the statements Bosworth made and give some time to meditating our way through them.

Bosworth statement #1: "It is important for seekers after the mercies of God (in this case healing), to see that APPROPRIATING FAITH is TAKING and USING what GOD OFFERS to us."

Bosworth statement #2: "Hope is expecting a blessing (healing) SOMETIME in the FUTURE; but FAITH is TAKING NOW what God OFFERS!"

Important words for meditation in these statements:

APPROPRIATING (look up definition)

TAKING (how do we 'take' what God has provided/do a comparison with how you 'took' salvation)

USING (once you 'take' what God has provided, how do you 'use' it to bring healing to your body? See the illustration below of the emancipation of slaves.)

OFFERS (we aren't trying to 'get' God to offer healing to us...it would be good to look up the definition of 'offers' even. This will secure firmly in your mind that you are not waiting for God to 'offer' you healing, but that He IS offering it!)

Then look at this statement again and think what it is saying. You must get a clear understanding of the faith that 'takes'. It is the only kind that pleases God, speaks to mountains and calls things that be not as though they were: APPROPRIATING FAITH.

HOPE - SOMETIME - FUTURE

APPROPRIATING FAITH - TAKING - NOW

Bosworth statement #3: "We are to believe what God says HE HAS DONE FOR US and ACT upon it - TAKING our Blood-bought liberty just as the slaves of the south did after the "Emancipation Proclamation" by Abraham Lincoln". (picture yourself in the South/a slave. Put yourself in their skin. Think through what all that meant to them. Feel it. Then see the public proclamation of their freedom. Freedom enacted by Law that had been proclaimed publicly. Now they must believe what has been proclaimed, and begin to live out that freedom that has been offered and declared theirs. The proclamation of freedom put what they were hoping for in the future, into the past tense: it had been. By ONE ACT everything changed. So for you, and that ONE ACT was the Cross!

Think how a slave would have changed inside and then what he would have done outside after hearing such a proclamation, think out the details of the change in daily living, thinking, speaking....and then apply the same principles to your own life regarding your healing.

He is making the point that Healing isn't something you're still hoping God to 'OFFER' TO YOU, it is something THAT IS NOW OFFERED and your place is to APPROPRIATE/TAKE what the HAND of God IS OFFERING.

You'd be amazed at what this ONE CHANGE in perspective about divine healing will do for your receiving. You can never receive if you are still hoping - in the future tense.

Bosworth is drawing a parallel here between those needing physical healing and those bound in physical slavery. Please meditate it through. You will get clues to your own liberation from sickness and disease.

Ephesians 1:3: Blessed be the God and Father is our Lord Jesus Christ, Who HAS BLESSED us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.

God is OFFERING the blessing of healing.

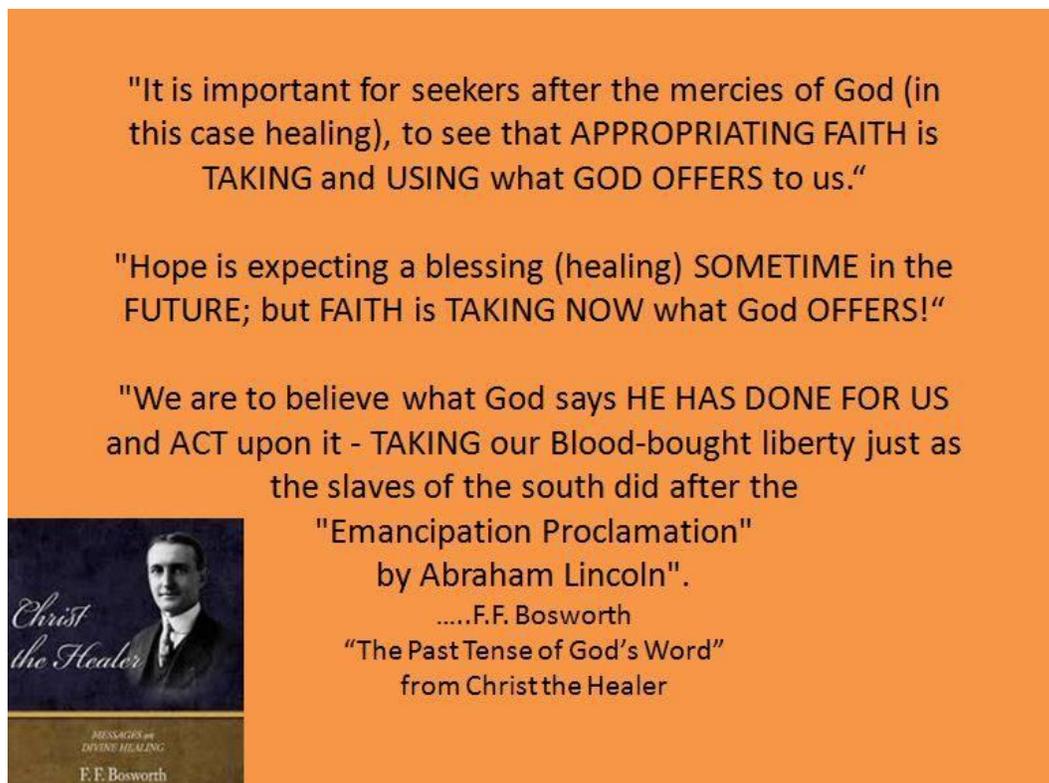
Healing is a 'SPIRITUAL' blessing.

We don't see that because it is the physical body that needs healing. We gauge whether God has given us healing by looking at the physical. WRONG thing to do!!!!

You must see that the 'root' of sickness lies in the SIN (a spiritual force) of Adam, and Jesus, the Second Adam, dealt with the 'root', spiritual root, therefore healing at its 'root' is a SPIRITUAL blessing, administered by THE SPIRIT to you THE SPIRIT, which then will manifest in the physical. It is the same thing as when we pray for a job, a house, money etc. Aren't these things physical? But you enter the spiritual and APPROPRIATE them and then you see them manifest. Why is it so difficult to think the same way about healing? Please work on this.

Here again is the document we are studying: (see document)

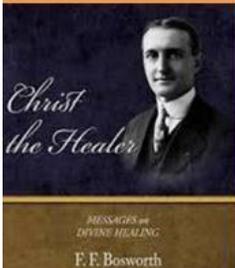
Slide with post:



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.....F.F. Bosworth
"The Past Tense of God's Word"
from Christ the Healer



December 8

Divine Healing - is a 'past tense' in God's Mind

Let us reason together.

I encourage you to read the previous post from December 5th on this topic. We are spending some time discussing the 'past tense' of God's Word. Please consider today's slide:



"The Gospel is a WORLD-WIDE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION OF LIBERTY from service and bondage to the Old Tyrant Master of sin AND sickness: THE DEVIL!

When Jesus said, **"It is finished"**, He meant that the work was done – completed **AS GOD SEES IT.**

God EXPECTS **you** to **RECKON** (regard, consider) **AS DONE** what **Jesus says was done.**

The **PAST TENSES** OF GOD'S WORD mean a **SETTLED, SEALED and FINAL DECISION** of **His Will."**

F.F. Bosworth/Christ the Healer: The Past Tense of God's Word

Notice the following words in the slide:

EMANCIPATION - look up the definition, draw it out by getting several words to define it..

PROCLAMATION - define this word.

Then in light of meditating on these definitions:

Ask yourself: "Do I really see that the Gospel message PROCLAIMS MY emancipation from sickness as well as sin? Or do I even see that the Gospel message is MY emancipation from sin?"

Go back and look at the definitions of 'emancipation' that you found, and then ask yourself that question again. "Do I really see that the Gospel message PROCLAIMS MY EMANCIPATION from sickness as well as sin? Or have I even seen how complete MY emancipation from slavery to sin

is as proclaimed by the Gospel message?" You must 'see' your total freedom before you can walk in it.

Then ask yourself:

"When the Gospel is proclaiming my freedom from the TYRANT MASTER of sin and sickness, the Devil, how free does that mean?"

"When the gospel is proclaiming my freedom from the sin and sickness this TYRANT MASTER produces, how free from sin and sickness does that mean?"

(Don't let your mind go to yourself and your situation right now and let it say, "Yes, but I'm not free. I still sin and I'm still sick!" We're reasoning together with God right now, remember, so don't go there!!!! Asking yourself these questions awakens the mind and challenges it to think at a different level. A Redemptive Level.)

What do we want here?

Just the facts, ma'am, just the facts!

We're in a courtroom. We're laying out the evidence.

We must be convinced by the evidence.

THEN we can apply that evidence to ourselves.

Your mind is the jury.

It must be convinced by the evidence as stated in God's Word/proclaimed by the Gospel Message, or it will NOT decide in favor of what God has offered to you so freely. If your mind isn't convinced, your body will never get it, especially if the illness is life threatening or of long standing.)

Ask yourself: "Do I really see the Devil as the 'tyrant master' of ALL sickness as clearly as I see him as the 'tyrant master' of ALL sin?"

"How convinced am I of the fact that he is the source of sickness?" (some people still aren't clear on this matter)

"When Jesus said, "It is finished", did He really mean the Tyrant Master's rule over me was severed/broken/abolished?"

"Have I included sickness in that, "It is finished"?"

"Do I understand what/how I 'reckon, regard, consider' my emancipation finished?"

Say this truth as a statement: "Whenever I see a PAST TENSE verb (were, has, etc) in one of Paul's letters to the churches, what is stated in that particular verse is a settled, sealed and final decision as far as God's Will is concerned."

Ask yourself these questions, say the above statement, read the quotes in the slide until you sense that 'shift' from future (hoping for) healing to past tense; until the Word of God has argued It's case in the court of your mind, and your mind has submitted itself to the Finished Work of the Cross.

Let the Spirit, the Word and the Blood 'knead' revelation into the 'dough' of your mind.
Father, we welcome Your 'kneading'.

December 16

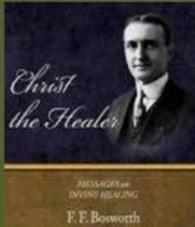
My goal on this page (Divine Healing Questions & Answers) is EMPOWERMENT: to empower those who read and study here to received their own healing and live a life of wellness. I am speaking and sharing from experience. Here is a slide for you to think about, going on with our series on the "PAST TENSE OF GOD'S WORD" studies:

In Galatians 3:13, we read, "Christ has (past tense) redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us".

GOD has put our redemption from the curse of the law in the past tense, and WE RECEIVE OUR DLIVERANCE WHEN WE DO THE SAME.

In Deuteronomy 28 we see that the curse of the law includes ALL diseases.
...F.F. Bosworth, Christ the Healer
"The Past Tenses of God's Word"

"The curse of the Law includes poverty, sickness and death." (Kenneth E. Hagin)



The image shows a book cover for 'Christ the Healer' by F.F. Bosworth. The cover features a portrait of a man in a suit and tie, with the title 'Christ the Healer' written in a cursive font. Below the portrait, it says 'MESSAGES OF DIVINE HEALING' and 'F.F. Bosworth'.

Please go over to Deuteronomy 28 and read the list of diseases that Christ has redeemed you from by taking on/become a curse on the Cross for you. We read Galatians 3:13 but we don't read the accompanying chapter from Deuteronomy and actually see the diseases. You can't get mad if you don't read Deuteronomy. Anger helps in getting healing manifest (righteous anger).

December 19

Father, I pray with all my faith that the eyes of people's understanding would be opened to spiritually understand the past tense of your Word regarding healing, in Jesus' Name.

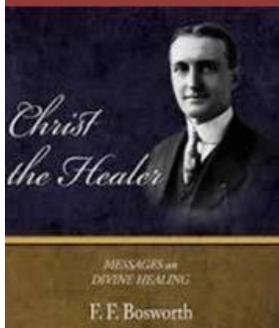
In God's Word we read, "Surely He has borne (past tense) our sicknesses and carried (past tense) our pain," – "Himself took (past tense) our infirmities and bare (past tense) our sicknesses," – "By whose stripes you were healed (past tense)." (Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 8:17; 1 Peter 2:24).

God wants us all to **APPROPRIATE the past tenses of His Word** regarding His redemption of our souls and bodies from sickness and disease and go forth in obedience acting as if we believed (past tense) Him.

When God puts a promise in the past tense, HE THUS AUTHORIZES AND EXPECTS US TO DO THE SAME.

Nothing short of this is APPROPRIATING faith.

....F. F. Bosworth, Christ the Healer
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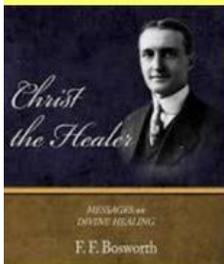
December 26

Time for another Bosworth meditation. I want you to notice two verbs in the quote in this slide, "have received" and "begins to grow".

“In Mark 11:24 Jesus AUTHORIZES us and COMMANDS us to put the RECEPTION of the blessing we pray for IN THE PAST TENSE. He says, when we ask for WHAT HE OFFERS, “Believe THAT YOU RECEIVE THEM, and you shall have them.”

We are to continue to believe that GOD GAVE US what we asked for when we prayed, and continue to praise and thank Him for what HE HAS GIVEN us.

It is AFTER WE BELIEVE WE HAVE RECEIVED WHAT WE ASKED FOR – AFTER we believe He HAS HEARD our prayer – THAT GOD GOES TO WORK.



Then the imperishable seed – is Word, BEGINS TO GROW (healing in our bodies).”

....F.F. Bosworth, Christ the Healer
“The Past Tense of God’s Word” chapter

HAVE. BEGINS. When you believe God HAS HEARD YOU, and you believe you HAVE RECEIVED WHAT YOU ASKED then healing BEGINS TO GROW.

This is the place of the biggest stumbling block.

After praying in faith and even believing God heard, and we have received, we get 'ambushed' by the 5-senses. Don't go there. Keep your faith and mind and will on the fact that God has heard and healing is growing in your body. This will anchor your emotions also in times of contrary evidence in the natural.

The believer who believes 'walks by faith not by sight'.

HAVE IS PAST TENSE.

BEGINS IS PRESENT TENSE.

Pass from the past of receiving to the present of 'growing in'.

Faith is NOW.

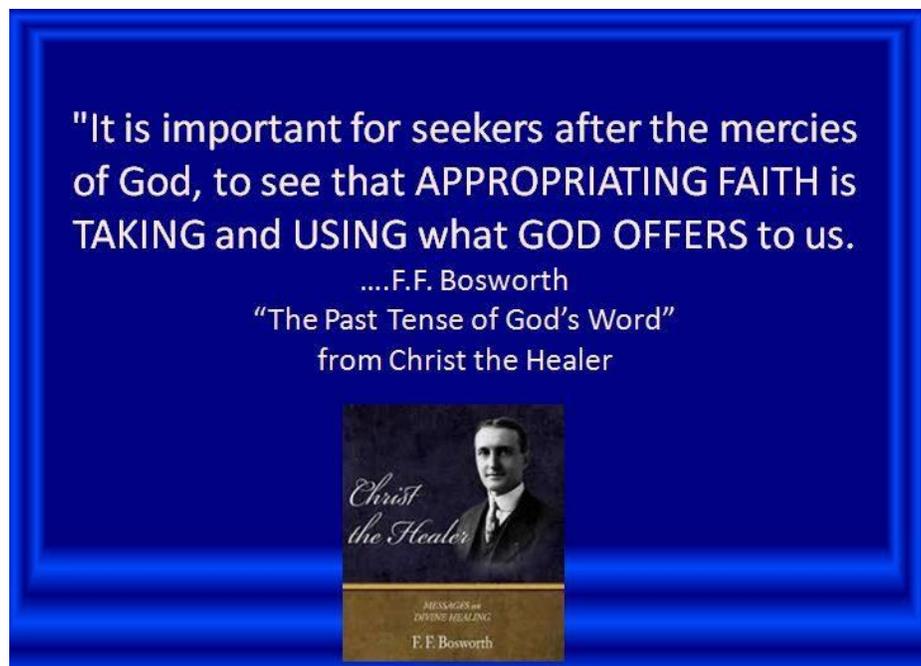
When you stay in 'present tense verbs' you are where faith is.

When you are where faith is, you are where God is.

Where God is healing is.

January 2

As I get older, I find myself moving a little slower. I read a smaller amount of material, I write a little less possibly, etc, etc. But I am finding a positive in all this. I have gotten so slow in reading Bosworth's article on the "Past Tense of God's Word" that after reading the entire thing a couple times, I am back to sentence one on page one and can't seem to get past it!!!! Sloooowwwwww.....I have prepared a slide of just it (see just after this post) and want you to think slow with me about it. This statement is full of revelation knowledge:



Read and thoroughly apply to salvation first.

Ask yourself:

When did I see the mercy of God about my salvation for the first time?

How did I appropriate this mercy into my life?

How have I put it into action/used it since I have received it?

Very simply:

you heard the message of forgiveness and salvation

you called upon God to receive it

you received it

you have lived in accordance with that new state of peace with God

Summing up:

Heard of

Voiced your desire to appropriate

Received

Lived out

Thoroughly think this statement through regarding salvation.

THEN apply the SAME KNOWLEDGE to the mercy of healing. AND THEN DO THE SAME THING in receiving healing as you did in receiving salvation!!! Hallelujah! (this also applies to receiving all other Benefits of the Kingdom that are our present possession.)

Let us grow in our knowledge of how the Kingdom of God operates....literally. And keep it simple.

January 16

In the next section we are moving into from Bosworth we will cover his thought, "The farmer has to get the sowing of his seed into the past tense before it is possible to reap a harvest".

This short post by Barry Bennett (from his Facebook page) addresses the same point. Please read in preparation for our next F.F.Bosworth post.

Barry Bennett

January 14 at 6:00am

Healing is a Harvest

The Word of God is incorruptible seed which when received into the heart of man produces according to its kind. "When you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe." (1 Thess. 2:13)

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knows not how. (Mr 4:26-27)

Everything in the Kingdom works according to this principle. The seed is the Word. Everything in life needs to be sowed with the Word of God. Our minds, our bodies, even our spirit man needs the continual influence of the seed of God's Word. This is how our lives are transformed, our minds renewed, our bodies healed and the kingdom is expanded over the face of the earth!

Healing is a harvest. The seed of the Word must be sown. The reaction of the heart determines the result. It can be an instantaneous 100 fold harvest, or a progressive 30 fold harvest. The soil of the heart determines the harvest of the Word.

My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to him who finds them, and healing to all his flesh. (Prov. 4:20-22)

Meditate in God's Word. Ponder His promises. Envision the Word working in your physical body. Let the harvest of healing spring from the seed of God's Word.

January 18

"The Past Tense of God's Word" by F.F. Bosworth
from his book, "Christ the Healer"

(In this post, Bosworth is assuming that you ALREADY HAVE THE SEED/know the Scripture concerning God's Will to Heal. Also, I have taken the liberty to change his 'our' to 'your' so it is more relative to you.)

Bosworth: "The farmer has to get the sowing of his seed into the past tense BEFORE IT IS POSSIBLE TO REAP A HARVEST".

Think with me about a human farmer. Doesn't he have to get his seed into the ground IN ORDER TO GET a harvest? When does the 'sowing of his seed' get in the PAST TENSE? AFTER he plants it. THE PLANTING GUARANTEES A HARVEST. Does he wonder IF he will get a harvest? No. He may just wonder HOW MUCH an acre his harvest will be....30, 60 or 100 fold?

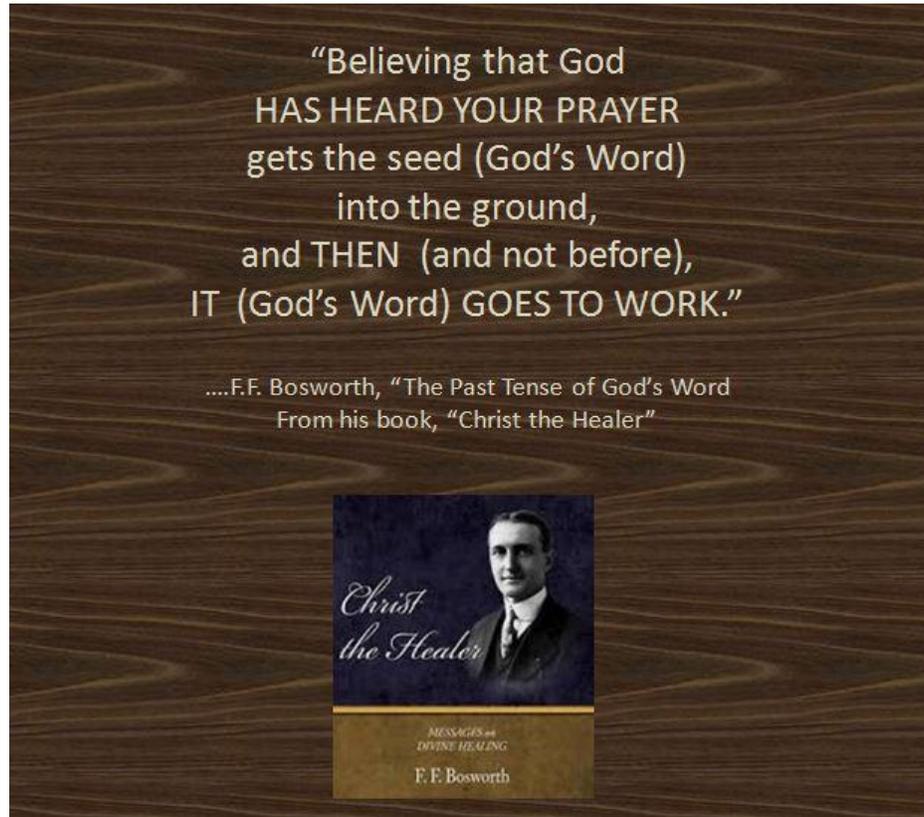
Think about what Jesus was saying here:

And He said, "So is the Kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how." (Mark 4:26-27).

Do you notice in this parable that making the seed grow was not the farmer's responsibility? His responsibility was to get the seed and the soil together and let them do what comes naturally.

If you do your part of believing you receive, God will do His part and grow healing in your body.

Bosworth:



I want you to notice here that Bosworth is saying that "BELIEVING GOD HAS HEARD YOUR PRAYER/REQUEST FOR HEALING" IS THE SOIL.

Putting it like that throws new light on what 'soil' is: believing God HAS HEARD you.

This ties right back to Mark 11:24: "What things SOEVER YOU DESIRE.....WHEN YOU PRAY, believe you receive them."

THE SOIL IS BELIEVING GOD HAS HEARD YOU.

Are you believing YOU'VE BEEN HEARD?

Look at this next statement:

Bosworth: "the PERMANENT RECEIVING of God's Word, the 'imperishable seed", into the "good ground" of your heart, THUS GETTING IT INTO THE PAST TENSE, is necessary BEFORE the Seed can begin to work."

The PERMANENT planting of the Seeds of Healing (God's Word) is directly related to believing God heard your request.

When the Seed stays permanently in the ground, THEN THE HEALING WORK IS BEGUN, just like a farmer planting natural seed. He puts it permanently in the ground and then it begins growing and WILL PRODUCE a harvest of its kind.

Have you considered just what this verse is saying:

"And this is the confidence that we have in him:

- 1) if we ask anything according to His Will He HEARS US
- 2) and if He HEARS US, whatsoever we ask, we know
- 3) that we HAVE THE PETITIONS that we desired of Him."

1 John 5:14&15

This verse is a mathematical equation:

We ask according to His Will + He hears us = we have the petitions we desired.

If we ask according to His Will, HE AUTOMATICALLY HEARS and IF HE HEARS, WE HAVE THE ANSWER.

Do you see how important it is to believe God has heard you?

That is where the devil wants to attack. "Are you sure God heard you? You don't seem to be getting any answer?" Ahh....he wants to keep the seed out of the soil of 'believing you have received'.

Two points to sum up today's discussion:

- 1) Believing you have received is the 'soil'
- 2) The Seed/God's Word kept permanently in the soil by believing you have received, will result in a harvest.

Maybe we all need to do a fresh reading of the parables. So many publish book after book trying to teach and explain how the Kingdom works and in much study there can be a weariness as the Prophet Daniel said. Jesus made it all easily understandable in His parables. The Holy Spirit was sent to make them clear to you.

Father, it is all really so simple and I pray for my readers to see it, in Jesus' Name.

January 21

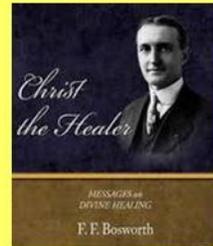
Jesus, at the grave of Lazarus, said, WHILE LAZARUS
WAS STILL DEAD,

“I thank You that You have heard me.” (John 11:41)

The sick who pray for healing are to say BEFORE
their healing materializes, “Father, I thank you that
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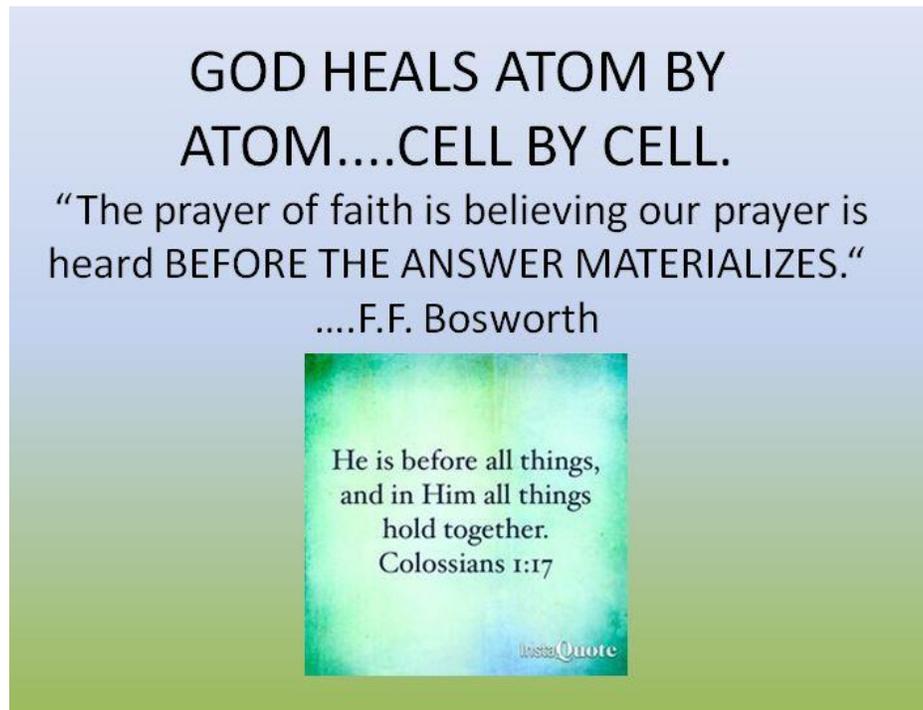
The ‘prayer of faith’ is believing our prayer IS HEARD
BEFORE the answer materializes.

...F. F. Bosworth, “The Past Tense
of God’s Word”
from Christ the Healer



January 26

I would like us to think about something for a little bit....I like to dissect words/meanings. In the previous post which contained a quote from F.F. Bosworth's, "Christ the Healer", Chapter "The Past Tense of God's Word", a word came up that I almost didn't want to put into the slide: "materializes".



I have studied the occult and this word is one that has been used (in the past, I don't know if it still is), regarding a dis-embodied spirit manifesting during a séance.

Well, I used it anyway and now I would like for you to think about these two words:

Materialize.

Manifest.

In my mind I see the word manifest as an 'instantaneous appearance'. When we ask God for healing that is what we (our senses I should say) expect-an immediate change - or manifestation.

Do I have any Trekkies out there? If so what happened when Captain and Spock got into the transporter?

They 'de-materialized' on the ship and 're-materialized' somewhere else.

How did it happen? Gradually.....in the show they pictured a bunch of sparkles, supposedly representing the atoms of their bodies 'de-materializing' and then the same in 're-materializing'.

Now think of Bosworth's statement again: "The sick who pray for healing are to say BEFORE THEIR HEALING MATERIALIZES, "Father, thank you that you have heard me." The prayer of faith is believing our prayer is heard BEFORE THE ANSWER MATERIALIZES."

GOD HEALS ATOM BY ATOM....CELL BY CELL (see Colossians reading)

Colossians 1:15-20
Christ Holds It All Together

15-18 We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

18-20 He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding.

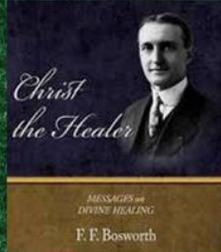
Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals **and ATOMS**—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

Selah.....pause and think about that.

February 3

We are working our way down through a chapter from F.F. Bosworth's book, "Christ the Healer", entitled 'The Past Tense of God's Word'. We started this series on December 1, 2016 if you would like to go over them. Today's portion:

"With our natural eyes we see only the temporal and inferior things of earth, but with the enlightened eyes of our understanding we behold the superior, satisfying and lasting realities of God's spiritual and eternal Kingdom."



"Faith is the evidence (title deed) of things not (yet) seen", (Hebrews 11:1).

God said to Abraham, "A father of many nations HAVE I made you", (past tense), and since God put this promise in the past tense, ABRAHAM DID THE SAME and ACTED HIS FAITH BY TAKING HIS NEW NAME, 'Abraham', which means, "the father of a multitude", (Genesis 17:4,5).

A man put a certain amount of money in the pocket of his wife's coat telling her he had done so and asking if she believed him. She replied, "Certainly I do", and began to plan how she would spend it. She actually had the money BEFORE SHE SAW IT. Why should we believe the bare word of others and demand proof from God?

If someone should deed you a home that you had never seen, you actually have a home BEFORE YOU SEE IT. "Faith is the evidence (title deed) of things not (yet) seen", (Hebrews 11:1). A deed makes a home so much yours that you can sell it without ever seeing it.

Faith is believing you have what God says you have and acting accordingly before you either feel or see that you have it.

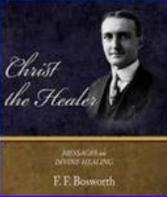
God said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered into your hand Jericho". Joshua and his men put this victory in the past tense as God had done, and the walls of Jericho fell down flat WHILE they were acting their faith. (Joshua 6:2) .

February 20 (conclusion)

We are finishing our segment on "The Past Tense of God's Word" by F.F. Bosworth. I will be attaching a document of the entire study when we finish here.

To conclude we will look at this particular statement from his last remarks on "The Past Tenses of God's Word":

" Were the gifts of God for soul and body merely PROMISED GIFTS, we would have to wait for the Promiser to fulfill His promises, and the responsibility would be on Him. But, all of God's blessings are OFFERED GIFTS as well as promised, and therefore need to be accepted; and the responsibility for their transfer is ours."



Maybe it would be a good idea if we started saying:
"God's offers" instead of "God's Promises".

F. F. Bosworth: "Jonah put his deliverance in the past tense, called his symptoms "lying vanities", and sacrificed with the voice of thanksgiving while he was STILL IN THE STOMACH OF THE GREAT FISH. It worked.

(I have included the entire Chapter of Jonah 2 here for you - AW)

Jonah's Prayer

1Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the stomach of the fish,

2and he said,

"I called out of my distress to the LORD,
And He answered me.

I cried for help from the depth of Sheol;
You heard my voice.

3“For You had cast me into the deep,
Into the heart of the seas,
And the current engulfed me.
All Your breakers and billows passed over me.

4“So I said, ‘I have been expelled from Your sight.
Nevertheless I will look again toward Your holy temple.’

5“Water encompassed me to the point of death.
The great deep engulfed me,
Weeds were wrapped around my head.

6“I descended to the roots of the mountains.
The earth with its bars *was* around me forever,
But You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God.

7“While I was fainting away,
I remembered the LORD,
And my prayer came to You,
Into Your holy temple.

8“Those who regard vain idols
Forsake their faithfulness,

9But I will sacrifice to You
With the voice of thanksgiving.
That which I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation is from the LORD.”

10Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land.

The reason thousands are not getting what they pray for is that they are keeping their blessing in the FUTURE TENSE, which is only HOPE, not FAITH.....which takes the blessings NOW.

This clears God of all responsibility for any failures.

The only reason you were not saved a year earlier than you were is that you did not take what God had provided and was offering to you.

God was not making you wait; you were making Him wait.

Some say, "God will heal me in His own good time."

This is only HOPE and not faith.

Faith TAKES what God is offering.....NOW.

Let's look at this statement again:

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But, all of God's blessings are OFFERED GIFTS as well as promised, and therefore need to be accepted; and the responsibility for their transfer is ours."

Well, I got a little confused in this 'promised gifts/offered gifts' idea, so I went over and asked Mr. Google what the difference was. Here is the answer from a legal standpoint:

PROMISE: (§2) manifestation of **INTENTION TO ACT** in a specified way, so made as to justify a promisee in understanding that a commitment has been made. (God's promise is made so you can understand that he is committing to heal you/still FUTURE, 'committing'.)

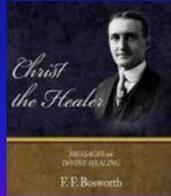
OFFER: (§24) manifestation of willingness (God wills to heal based on the Work of the Cross) to enter into a bargain (two way agreement), so made as to validate another person in understanding that HIS ASSENT to that bargain is invited and HIS ASSENT to receiving it. (God's offer of healing that will be concluded upon your assent to receiving it.)

PROMISE: something I'm going to receive with no participation on my part. The 'promisor' just gives it to me the 'promisee' (I can want it or not!).

OFFER: something that is my choice to receive.

Let's read this statement again:

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Since the Cross, AND the activation of the New Covenant through the Blood of Christ, what was 'promise' is now 'offered' to whosoever will.

God showed His Willingness by the ACCOMPLISHED REDEMPTIVE WORK. That Work fulfilled The Promise and the Benefits gained are being offered to whosoever will.

Can I challenge you to correct your thoughts and words?

God's Offers.....God offers to me.

(This concludes our study of F.F. Bosworth's Chapter, "The Past Tenses of God's Word" from his book, "Christ the Healer")

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